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SUBJECT: TITO'S REELECTION AND INAUGURAL SPEECH

1. AT SECOND SESSION OF NEW SFRY ASSEMBLY MAY 16 CARRIED
LIVE ON TV AND RADIO, TITO WAS REELECTED PRESIDENT OF
REPUBLIC WITH UNLIMITED TERM OF OFFICE BY UNANIMOUS
VOTE. AFTER TITO READ OATH OF OFFICE, MEMBERSHIP
OF EIGHT-MAN SFRY PRESIDENCY WAS CONFIRMED BY
PROCLAMATION (REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLIES HAD ALREADY
ELECTED THEM).

2. TITO THEN ROSE TO SPEAK TO ASSEMBLY HALL CROWDED
WITH DELEGATES, OFFICIALS, DIPLOMATIC CORPS AN MEDIA
REPS. DOMESTICALLY, HE PRESENTED PERIOD JUST AHEAD
AS TIME FOR TESTING CHANGES WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE IN
SYSTEM DURING LAST TWO YEARS. HE SAID YUGOSLAVIA'S FOREIGN
POLCY WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED; GOOD RELATIONS WITH OTHER SOCIALIST
COUNTRIES WILL BE MAINTAINED AND GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES
DESIRED REGARDLESS OF INTERNAL SYSTEM. YUGOSLAVIA IS ON GOOD TEMS
WITH NEIGHBORING STATES EXCEPT THAT /SOME MISUNDERSTANDINGS" EXIST
WITH ITALY, ADDING THAT WHAT WAS ONCE CREATED CANNOT NOW BE VIOLATED.

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3. COMMENT: LOOKING FIT AND AT EASE, TITO READ HIS OATH WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. HIS SUBSEQUENT EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS RAMBLED SOMEWHAT BUT WERE DELIVERED MORE SMOOTHLY THAN HIS INITIAL EFFORT AT READING FROM PREPARED TEXT. FOLLOWING CERMONY, TITO TOGETHER WITH MRS. BROZ, BIJEDIC, MINIC AND LJUBICIC HELD COURT IN LUNGE ADJACENT TO ASSEMBLY HALL AND RECEIVED CONGRATULATIONS FROM NUMEROUS COLLEAGUES AS WELL AS ALL AMBASSADORS AND CHARGES. TITO RETURNED FROM ASSEMBLY SESSION IN OPEN-TOP CAR TO WAVE TO CROWDS WAITING ALONG WAY IN COOL, RAINY WEATHER.
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